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Letter from the Interim Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter into the season of Spring, we are reminded of the beauty and wonder of new beginnings. The flowers are blooming, the trees are budding, and everything feels fresh and lively. At 3ADM, we are excited to be a part of this season of new beginnings.

We are glad to announce that 3ADM is celebrating its 25th year as an organization. This milestone could not have been achieved without the support of our wonderful readers and supporters. We want to say thank you to all of you for your loyalty, encouragement, and ongoing support.

Our commitment to providing quality content and resources to the Deaf community remains strong. We are currently working on making our social media pages better, so please follow us on Facebook and YouTube to stay updated of our latest developments.

As we enter this new season, let us remember to hold onto our hope and joy in Jesus Christ. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can strengthen our relationship with God and deepen our faith, regardless of life's changes.

Sincerely in Christ,

Amanda Colgan

Interim Executive Director of 3ADM



The 3ADM Board of Directors would like to use this portion of the newsletter to mention Mrs. Francisca Trexler's dedication to 3ADM and the Deaf Ministry. Her devotion to the Deaf Bible School was and remains very appreciative. Her patience and understanding of the Deaf's needs are amazing. Her incredible dedication to the Lord remains clear. On behalf of 3ADM Board of Directors, thank you very much for your service, Francisca. We know you will still serve the Lord in different ways as He sees fit.

Beth A. Dobson

Chairperson of 3ADM Board of Directors

We want to express our gratitude for Francisca Trexler's outstanding work in reaching out to the Deaf community through the Deaf Bible School for many years. Her efforts have helped countless people come to know Jesus, and we are so grateful for her service. As Francisca steps down from her position, we want her to know that her contributions will not be forgotten. Francisca is not stopping her work for God and He will use her in new ways. We are excited to see what God has planned for her. Come, Lord Jesus!

Paul R. Kelly

3ADM Evangelist/Deaf Bible School Manager

Word of Appreciation to Francisca Trexler



I first met Francisca when I was 9. At this time she and her family were working at Christian Deaf Center (CDC) in Arkansas. Our family visited CDC frequently, but we soon went through a crisis when my parents divorced. Francisca helped my mom through this very difficult time. She stayed at our home once a week and then took us to another Deaf lady's home for Bible study. At the end of the Bible studies, the Deaf lady and I both decided to be baptized and my mom was rebaptized. She was sunshine for us! Afterwards and always, she heavily encouraged me to walk closer to God and gave me many opportunities to serve God in Deaf ministry. Francisca impacted my life in a very profound way and I just love her. Thank you, Francisca!!

Esther M. Doss

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for all that Francisca does for the Lord and the Deaf community. She is a wonderful teacher, counselor, and encourager, and I feel honored to know her.

I can still remember the first time I met Francisca on Videophone in 2007 when she provided pre-marital counseling before my marriage to Kevin. Throughout the years, I have turned to her for guidance in different situations, and I have always appreciated her wise counsel.

Francisca's selflessness and kindness are truly awe-inspiring. She has made a big difference in many people's lives with her caring actions. I have seen the incredible difference that she has made in people's lives, and I know that her efforts have made an big impact.

Thank you, Francisca, for being such an amazing role model and for all that you do to serve the Lord and the Deaf community. You are a shining example of love and compassion, and I pray that you will continue to inspire and uplift others for many years to come.

Amanda Colgan
Interim Director of 3ADM



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Celebrating 25 Years of 3ADM Service



The office on the right was built by the Apache Junction SDA Church for ADM to use as an office for Deaf Ministry. It was used until Hovey resigned and Trexler took over.

ADM office in Lincoln, Nebraska



Left to right, standing: Alberta Blake, Chuck McGehee, Rosellen Kimbrough, Arthur Griffith, George Belser

Left to right, sitting: Beth Dobson, Ralph Blank III, Bob Plubell, Thompson Kay

As we celebrate our 25th year anniversary, we at 3ADM are grateful for the support of our partners and friends who have been with us on this journey. Your support and prayers have helped us grow and improve, and we could not have reached this milestone without you.

Through our work, we strive to share God's message of love, hope, and faith with those we serve. We believe that Proverbs 3:5-6 sums up our approach to serving others: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." With faith in God, we are guided in our mission to serve others.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to our mission and to continuing to make a positive impact on the lives of others. We are excited to see where God will take us next and are grateful for the support of our readers and friends who have been a part of our journey.



Introducing Our Newest Board Member Bill Gropp

I am delighted to announce that Mr. Bill Gropp, Jr. has rejoined our Board of Directors after an 18-year hiatus [break]. He has taken on the role of Board Secretary, replacing Mrs. Amanda Colgan, who is now serving as our Interim Executive Director.

Mr. Gropp currently works as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, providing support to both deaf and hearing individuals. He also works as a Baker's Assistant and is an active member of the West Jordan Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church in Utah. Mr. Gropp is committed to serving people with disabilities and has been actively involved in advocacy work, serving as the president of the Utah Rehabilitation Association. In his free time, he enjoys surfing the web and being a caregiver to his two cats.

As a deaf SDA member for 37 years and a recent widower, Mr. Gropp presently resides in Provo, Utah, with his stepdaughter. We are thrilled to have him back on our Board of Directors and look forward to his valuable contributions to our organization.

Beth A. Dobson

Chairperson of 3ADM Board of Directors

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A New Leader for Adventist Possibility Ministries



Pastor Doug Venn

Assistant to the President
Adventist Deaf Ministries
International,
Adventist Possibility Ministries

I am pleased to introduce Pastor Doug Venn as the new leader for Adventist Possibility Ministries. He began on November 1. I was asked to help in the transition [change] until April 1 which is often the case with key [important] roles when there is a leadership change at the General Conference.

Pastor Venn and I share a special connection, as we both started our ministry in the same conference and had a focus on church planting. We both worked at summer camps and earned the Master Guide award. While my doctorate [study for doctor's degree] was in church growth, Pastor Venn is currently pursuing [studying] a doctorate [doctor's degree] in missions.

Although we have some similarities [things in common], Pastor Venn brings unique qualities to his leadership role. He served as a missionary in foreign [other] countries, including Thailand and the Philippines, while I later became the conference Director for Multicultural Ministries in the United States. He previously served as the Director for the Global Mission Urban Center, with a focus on equipping [helping] leaders to plant churches in cities. While in that position his objective [goal] was “to train and equip [help] the next generation [future] of church planting leaders to reach the cities.” This same objective [goal] is a critical [important, urgent] need today for the Adventist Church as it ministers with (not only to) the Deaf living in the cities of the world. While studying at the Seminary [college for pastors] at Andrews University, he took a sign language class taught by Pastor Jeff Jordan. No doubt this will prove to be helpful as he works with both the Deaf and leaders of the world Church.

As I leave my leadership role with both Adventist Deaf Ministries International and Adventist Possibility Ministries, I wish to assure [tell] you that this ministry has become part of me. I'm leaving the position but not the ministry. I look forward to supporting Pastor Doug, the Deaf, and others with the belief that “all are gifted, needed, and treasured.” It has been a special privilege [honor] to work with the Deaf around the world. It is my firm [strong] belief that the Church is not whole without the Deaf becoming active in all areas of the Church's life and its mission.

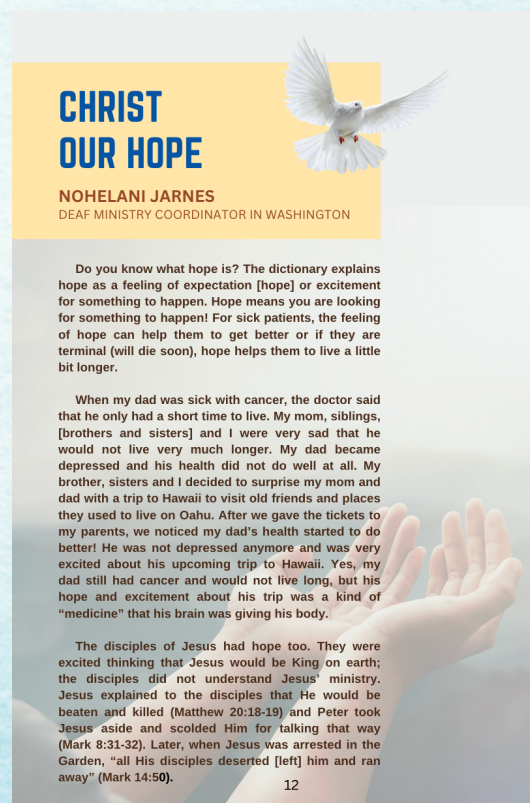
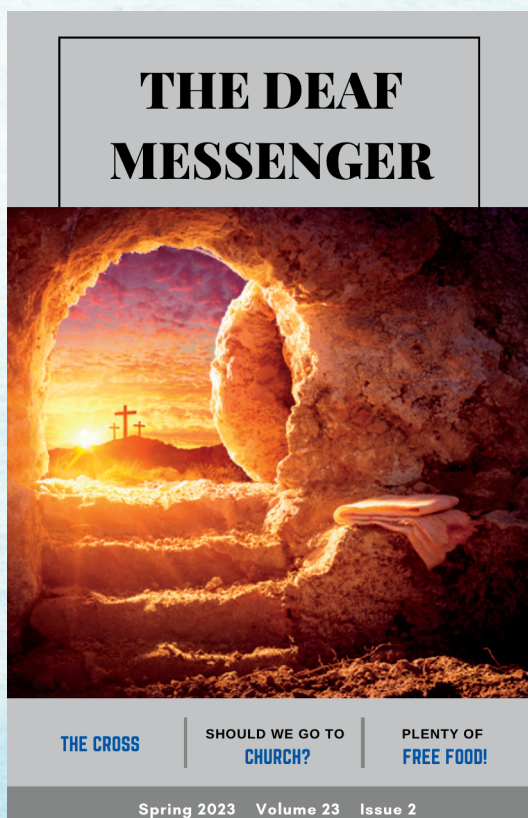
Larry R. Evans

New Look, Same Mission: The Deaf Messenger Magazine

Exciting news! The Deaf Messenger magazine has a brand new look! With its new colorful and modern design, reading the magazine is now even more enjoyable. Our goal is to inspire the Deaf community with Christian stories and information that help them grow in their faith.

We invite you to visit our website (3adm.org/news) to check out the newly redesigned magazine and share your comments with us. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to improve and make The Deaf Messenger the best it can be. You can also subscribe to the magazine on our website by registering at <https://3adm.org/register.php> and receive it in your email every quarter.

We want to thank you for supporting 3ADM and being a part of our mission. We encourage you to share the magazine with your family and friends and let them know about the new look. We hope that you will continue to read and enjoy The Deaf Messenger!



From Leviticus to the Food Fair:

How Adventists Enjoy Diverse Cuisines Around the World



Leviticus 11 is an interesting chapter in the Bible as it details [lists] which animals were considered [labeled] clean and unclean by the Israelites. However, some people may wonder how this applies to foreign Adventists who live in different parts of the world. For example, in some deserts in the Middle East or Central Africa, it can be challenging [hard] to grow certain vegetables that are commonly found in arctic countries.

But fear not, as we have discovered an amazing event that celebrates the diversity [different] of food and culture that can be found around the world. Recently, we attended [went] the International Food Expo at Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, MD, which is run by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This event was an absolute feast for the senses [delightful], with an incredible variety [many different] of booths representing countries from all over the world.

What's even more exciting is that most of the food and vegetables served were considered clean, making it a great opportunity for Adventists to enjoy delicious food without compromising [going against] their beliefs. This event aimed [goal] to engage [get them interested] and raise awareness [to learn more] among people by providing them with a chance to try out multi-ethnic dishes from various countries.

The students, who prepared the mouth-watering international cuisines [foods], did an amazing job in sharing their culture through food, making it a truly memorable experience for everyone who attended [went]. If you missed out on this event, don't worry - make sure to mark your calendars for the next February 2024 International Food Festival at Highland View Academy. Trust us, it's an event that you won't want to miss!

For many years, camp meetings have been a huge blessing to Deaf people. It's a time where Deaf members can come together to worship, fellowship, and create new memories with old and new friends. We cherish the memories made during these gatherings, especially the special moments of witnessing baptisms. We encourage you to attend a camp meeting and experience the blessings for yourself.

2023 Camp Meeting Dates

July 9-16, 2023

Western Deaf Camp Meeting
Milo Academy
324 Milo Dr.
Days Creek, Oregon 97429

October 25-29, 2023

DEAR Camp Meeting
Mt. Aetna Conference Center
10375 Retreat Way
Hagerstown, MD

August 9-13, 2023

Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting
Cohutta Springs Conference Center
1175 Cohutta Springs Rd.
Crandall, Georgia 30711

Summer 2023

Deaf Young Adults for Christ (DYAC) Camp Meeting
Cohutta Springs Conference Center
1175 Cohutta Springs Rd.
Crandall, Georgia 30711



3ADM Travel Schedule

Evangelist Paul Kelly

April 15- DeafNation Expo, Greensboro, OH
April 29 - DeafNation Expo, Columbus, OH
May 12 & 13 - Mayfest Deaf Expo, Toronto, Canada
May 20 - Connecticut Deaf Expo, Waterbury, CT
July 9-16 - Milo Camp meeting
Aug 9-13 - SDF Camp Meeting
Oct 7 - It's a Deaf Thing Expo, Lakeland, Florida
Oct 25-29 - DEAR Camp Meeting

Interim Director Amanda Colgan

April 5-9- National Family Retreat,
Wewoka, OK
May 6 - DeafNation Expo, Pasadena, CA
July 9-16 - Milo Camp meeting
Aug 2-5 - ASI Int'l Convention, Kansas
City, MO
Aug 9-13 - SDF Camp Meeting
Oct 25-29 - DEAR Camp Meeting

Office Manager David Trexler

July 9-16 - Milo Camp meeting
Oct 7 - DeafNation Expo, Mesa, AZ
Nov 4 - DeafNation Expo, Chicago, IL

Tributes & Memorials

If you want to give a gift in memory or honor of someone, you can go to <https://3adm.org/donation> and write a message or send your gift and a note in the mail. Your gift will help share the good news with the Deaf.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Edith Hotchkiss and Shaun Johnston

By Sara Johnston

Margaret May Grove

Maxine Davidson

IN HONOR OF

Ona Greve for her 95th birthday

By Ona Greve

Marvin Budd

David and Francisca Trexler

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own understanding.”
Proverbs 3:5 NIV

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